

Item \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 TO IBEW-JONNIE DAWSON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER EDDIE JONES.

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 24) passed on August 1, 2016 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2017 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

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Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.  
Shelby County Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A**  
**Community Enhancement Grants**  
**FY 2017**

**Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. \_\_) passed \_\_\_\_\_, 2017**

IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

**Grant Agency** IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

**Type of Grant** Program

**Grant Amount** \$10,000.00

**Sponsor(s)** Commissioner Eddie Jones

**Purpose** In loving memory of Jonnie Dawson, the IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation was founded for the purpose of serving Memphis/Shelby County and surrounding communities by giving monetary donations and self-service to the communities in which they proudly live and serve. Its mission statement is "To Aid, Service and Deliver Hope." They provide services such as food for the elderly during holidays, back packs filled with school supplies for underprivileged students, Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise go without, and after school care to include computers, mentoring and school assistance. They also give to other 501(c) 3 organizations that provide Shelby County residents with utilities assistance, after school provisions, food programs to the homeless, veterans' transitions, Adult Aging Program, transplant procedures and domestic violence/abuse assistance. They truly believe that "helping the community is everybody's responsibility." Funding allocated from the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be applied toward general operating support with emphasis on providing food assistance to elderly citizens, increasing the amount of social support received by parents and children, providing utility bill payment assistance to households meeting income guidelines, empowering parents and families in the areas of self-help, spiritual development, heritage and cultural enhancement, providing clothing, job

training and counseling to the less fortunate, assisting veterans through transitional programs, enabling citizens in the fifty-plus age group to connect with resources available to them, and assisting women and children in escaping domestic violence with job skills training, and child care. Organizations receiving funds from the IBEW-Jonnie Dawson Charitable Foundation are thoroughly vetted through a stringent application process, including a background check. Unscheduled onsite inspections are performed by an Executive Board Member in order to ascertain that resources are needed. If, at year end, they have exhausted all their financial means to assist their targeted markets, they have met their goals.